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1. SUMMARY: RESURGENCE PARTY (RPPI) SEC GEN (SYG) AMOUZEGAR HAS
SELECTED 4 EXPERIENCED PARTY OFFICIALS TO BE HIS SENIOR DEP
SECYS GEN AND PARTY TREASURER. SHAH ENCOURAGED RPPI TO COMPLETE
ITS ORGANIZATIONAL TASKS AND STIMULATE DEBATE BETWEEN THE PARTY
WINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JAN 16, PRIMIN AND RPPI SYG AMOUZEGAR PRESENTED HIS 3 SENIOR
DEPUTIES AND NEW PARTY TREASURER TO THE SHAH, THUS CONFIRMING THEM.
CHOSEN WERE MAHMUD JAAFARIAN, IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION,
PUBLICATIONS, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS (INCLUDING PRESS DISSEMINATION),;
MOHAMMAD REZA AMELI-TEHRANI, IN CHARGE OF PARTY/GOVT RELATIONS;
MOHAMMAD HOSSEIN MOUSAVI, IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS;
AND ALI FARSHCHI, TREASURER AND RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

3. CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS PRACTICE FOR MOST RPPI OFFICIALS
BELOW THE SYG, EACH INDIVIDUAL WILL KEEP HIS PREVIOUS PORTFOLIOS
AS WELL. JAAFARIAN REMAINS DEP MANAGING DIR OF NATIONAL IRANIAN
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RADIO AND TELEVISION (NIRT) AND ACTING DIR GEN OF PARS NEWS
AGENCY. FARSHCHI WILL CONTINUE AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRIMIN AND
PRES OF THE ENDOWMENTS ORGANIZATION. MOUSAVI AND AMELI-TEHRANI
REMAIN MAJLES DEPUTIES, AND AMELI-TEHRANI ALSO RETAINS HIS POS-
ITION AS RPPI PARTY CHIEF FOR THE CENTRAL PROVINCE (TEHRAN).

4. IN SELECTING HIS 4 SENIOR COLLEAGUES, AMOUZEGAR

APPEAR TO HAVE OPTED FOR PLAN SPLITTING UP THE POWER OF THE SENIOR DEP SEC GEN POSITION. SOURCE CLOSE TO HIM BELIEVES AMOUZEGAR HAVING PICKED 4 EXPERIENCED HANDS (SEE BIOS BELOW), INTENDS TO LET THEM RUN THINGS TOGETHER SUBJECT TO HIS OWN GENERAL SUPERVISION RATHER THAN PICK A SINGLE CHIEF OF STAFF. EMB'S INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT QUALITY OF GROUP IS GOOD, ESPECIALLY FARSHCHI AND AMELI-TEHRANI SELECTIONS, WHICH BRING BACK KEY MEMBERS OF AMOUZEGAR'S ORIGINAL TEAM AT RPPI CENTRAL HQS. BIO DATA FOLLOWS ON AMELI-TEHRANI, JAAFARIAN, AND MOUSAVI (FARSHCHI WAS COVERED IN REF C).

5. MAHMUD JAAFARIAN WAS BORN IN 1925 AND HOLDS A HD IN SOCIOLOGY FROM THE SORBONNE. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH EBRAT" MAGAZINE AND JOINED NIRT AT ITS INCEPTION, BECOMING A DEP DIR IN 1969 AND LATER DEP MANAGING DIR. HE BECAME ACTING DIR GEN OF PARS NEWS AGENCY IN NOVEMBER 1976. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE RPPI COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL PROBLEMS COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATIONAL APPRAISAL. HE IS CONSIDERED AN EXPERT IN ARAB AND PERSIAN GULF PROBLEMS, AND IS THE EDITORIAL WRITER FOR THE WEEKLY "TAMASHA". HE SPEAKS FRENCH, ENGLISH AND ARABIC IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE PERSIAN AND HAS WRITTEN AND BROADCAST EXTENSIVELY. MUCH OF THIS MATERIAL HAS BEEN DIRECTLY ANTI-COMMUNIST. HE IS MARRIED.

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6. DR MOHAMMAD-HOSSEIN MOUSAVI WAS BORN IN TABRIZ IN 1919. HE HAS BA AND MA DEGREES FROM TEHRAN UNIV AND A DOCTORATE IN LAW FROM PARIS. HIS CAREER HAS BEEN IN LAW WHERE HE HAS BEEN A REGULAR ATTORNEY, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, COURT ADVISER AND JUDGE. HE IS VICE PRES OF THE IRANIAN COURT LAWYER'S INSTITUTE. AS A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION MARDOM PARTY, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE 1971 MAJLES AND REELECTED IN 1975, THIS TIME AS AN RPPI CANDIDATE. HE HAS TRAVELED IN EUROPE AND SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

7. DR MOHAMMAD REZA AMELI-TEHRANI WAS BORN IN 1927 IN TEHRAN. HE RECEIVED HIS MEDICAL DOCTORATE FROM TEHRAN UNIV IN 1953 AND HAS BEEN AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL SCHOOL SINCE 1962. HE WAS A FOUNDER OF THE PAN IRANIST PARTY IN 1947 AND EVENTUALLY BECAME DEPUTY LEADER. HE WAS A MAJLES DEPUTY FROM 1967 TO 1971, THEN DIR OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION'S HIGH SCHOOL OF TOURISM SERVICES. ELECTED AGAIN TO THE MAJLES IN 1975 AS AN RPPI CANDIDATE, HE BECAME INTERESTED IN PARTY AFFAIRS AND WAS NAMED RPPI SEC GEN FOR CENTRAL (TEHRAN) PROVINCE IN LATE 1976, A POSITION HE STILL RETAINS. HE HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL POLITICAL ARTICLES AND EDUCATIONAL BOOKS.

HE SPEAKS ENGLISH; HIS MARITAL STATUS IS NOT KNOWN.

8. DURING PRESENTATION OF DEPUTIES, SHAH URGED MOUSAVI TO
GET BUSY AND COMPLETE ELECTION OF RPPI COUNCILS SO THAT
PARTY COULD MOVE FORWARD. SHAH ALSO CALLED ON PARTY
WINGS TO BEGIN PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS OF THEIR POSITIONS SO THAT
VOTERS WILL KNOW WHAT THEY ARE VOTING FOR IN FUTURE ELECTIONS.
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